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Good morning committee members and thank you for letting me testify on S.B. 1094 An act banning large capacity ammunition magazines.

I strongly oppose this bill!

Also, I do strongly support S.B.1210 An act concerning the use of deadly physical force to defend the residents of a home

I have submitted written testimony and was planning on reading from it today but, after going to the CT.Gov website and reading the testimony of others, I feel it necessary to clarify a few comments that where FALSIFIED by Susan McCalley from the League of Women Voters and SUPPOSED gun law specialist.

In being a Gun Law Specialist, one would think that she could get her facts straight about a few things.

On S.B. 1094, Susan McCalley states that the League is in favor of limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

Basically what she is saying is that she and her League would like to do away with the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution and does not believe that people have a right to defend themselves or their families.

False statement #1) She states that the large capacity magazine ban was included in the Federal Assault Weapons Ban that was in effect between 1994 and 2004.

This statement is only partially correct! Though there was a ban included in the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, the Ban did not ban the possession or sale of any of the millions of magazines that where manufactured before 1994. Basically, it did NOT ban anyone from possessing these "supposed large capacity magazines". It only banned the general public from buying and selling mags that were manufactured after 1994.

False statement #2) She also states that the effectiveness of the ban can be seen in its absence...

Implying that after the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired...violent crime increased and continued to rise. The exact opposite is true. According to the FBI, Violent crimes in all four categories; Murder, Rape, Robbery and Assaults have been in a steady decline since the expiration of the 2004 Assault Weapons Ban.

False statement #3) She states that 70% of Americans polled say they were in favor of reinstating the assault weapons ban.

Polls are polls are polls. Any poll can be scued towards ones favor. On July 26th 2010 a pole of thousands of Rank & File Police Officers was done and only 14% said they favored an assault weapons ban while the other 86% said they were either neutral (being that it has no effect) or were against a ban. (Pole can be seen on Officer.com)

On S.B. 1210 An act concerning the use of deadly physical force to defend the residents of a home...

Susan McCalley states the League supports the active role of Government in preventing Violent behavior...

Well, I hope to see some of you committee members at my home should I ever need defending!

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She claims that it puts the public in danger by letting the homeowner be the judge of a perceived threat to their family.

Well, unless there will be an armed guard standing at my front door 24/7 warding off violent criminals...as a homeowner, I do feel I would be the best judge of a potential threat to myself and my family. I should not have to wait until my family and I are dead, for a law enforcement official to arrive to make a determination of the threat level.

And last she claims that this Law contradicts with an existing law which allows the removal of firearms from those who threaten others with violence...

Threatening someone with violence is a crime, yes but, threatening someone who is unlawfully trying to break into your home is not. I should not have to retreat and cower before criminals in my own home.

Susan McCalley and the League of Women Voters obviously have an extreme anti-gun agenda. One would think that a person claiming to be a Gun Law Specialist would not need to falsify facts in an effort to mislead the committee.

Again, I strongly oppose S.B. 1094 and I do strongly support S.B. 1210
Thank you very much!
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